

METHOD FOR SWITCHING ACTIVE CALLS**ABSTRACT**

5 A method and apparatus for switching active calls from one entity to another on a network device. The method includes the steps of collecting the call information, designating a second, or target, entity to receive the call, and switching the call. If compression is being used in the call, the method will include the steps of copying the compression dictionary tables and loading the tables in the second entity. The apparatus includes a controller and at
10 least two entities. A connector connects the entity with incoming or outgoing phone calls. The controller switches the active call from a first entity to a second entity.